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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL ASSIGNED AND ATTACHED MILITARY AND CIVILIAN PERSONNEL

SUBJECT: Policy Letter #19: Civilian Clothing and Personal Appearance

1. The professional atmosphere and high standards of appearance created by uniformed military personnel within the 15th Regimental Signal Brigade should carry over into the selection of civilian attire. While off-duty personnel, should wear appropriate attire that does not promote illegal activity such as alcohol or drug abuse, harassment or gang activity and avoids public embarrassment. Accordingly, the following articles of civilian clothing and appearance are inappropriate for wear by members of the 15th Signal Brigade:

a. Clothing worn as an outer-garment, which is obviously intended to be worn as an undergarment.

b. Clothing with obscene, slanderous, or vulgar words or drawings. Also which advocates the overthrow of the U.S. Government.

c. Articles of apparel, which include, but are not limited to, t-shirts or hats, which depict drugs or drug paraphernalia, or which advocate the use of drugs.

d. Bare feet in any service facility except one where footwear is inappropriate, such as swimming pools. Sandals and "flip-flops" are authorized except in Dining Faciities.

e. Apparel or grooming which is unsanitary or offensive because it lacks cleanliness.

f. Duo rags sweat rags; sweat bands, skullcaps with cloth draping, handkerchiefs, and bandannas as headgear. Sweatbands may be worn while taking part in formal or informal athletic activities.

g. Articles of clothing, jewelry, accessories, and other items, whether carried or worn, that are known to be associated with any group which has engaged in or intends to engage in violence or disorderly conduct.

h. Tongue and body piercing anywhere on the body to include the wearing of earring type jewelry other than in the ear (males only) is prohibited; while on post and either on or off duty.

i. Ball caps, sun visors and all other types of headgear will be worn, with the brim/bill forward (not sideways or backwards- unless physically participating in sports/physical training activities).

j. Articles of clothing that by being cutout, transparent, or excessively tight, serve to accentuate the sexual characteristics of the wearer, this provision does not prohibit clothing worn during appropriate activities at swimming pools, body building competitions, and athletic events.

k. Shorts or trousers that expose any part of the buttocks or underwear, or otherwise immodest, whether worn by males or females.

l. Gang related and extremist- type items such as bandannas, rebel flags (battle flag of confederacy) swastikas and other such items are prohibited from being worn. **Extremist Organizations and Gang Activity: IAW AR 600-20, soldiers will not participate in extremist organizations or unlawful gang activities. The following conduct is adverse to good order and discipline and, therefore, is prohibited. Soldiers will not display extremist or gang- related symbols, flags, posters, or other displays either in their barracks area or elsewhere on or off post- this includes physical self-displays such as hand symbols (e.g., while dancing or greeting others) or tattoos.**

2. The provisions of this regulation are applicable to all members of the 15th Regimental Signal Brigade.

3. Commanders, Supervisors and facility managers are responsible for enforcing dress guidelines within their areas in a fair, impartial, and objective manner.

4. The prohibitions of this policy memorandum are standing orders. Any violation of these orders may be the basis for disciplinary action under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, as well as a basis for administrative action, to include characterization of discharge. Commanders will ensure that cadre and Non-IET soldiers are briefed on this policy letter.

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